

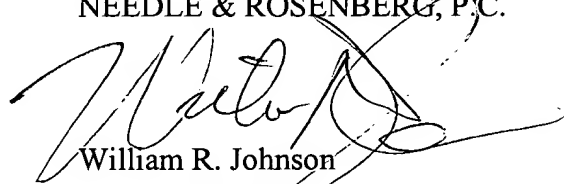
**REMARKS**

Claims 1-45 are pending in the application. The specification has been amended to correct the statement of federally sponsored to reflect a change in the management entity of the Federally sponsored contractor. Applicants hereby request examination of the application in view of the above amendment.

It is submitted that the application is in proper condition for examination and allowance. Allowance of Claims 1-45 at an early date is solicited. If there are any questions regarding this amendment, applicants request the Examiner to contact applicants' counsel at the address and telephone numbers below.

Respectfully submitted,

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